

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

ALLOCATION OF LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS

CHAPTER 1086

H.B. No. 3574

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of low income housing tax credits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) Section 2306.6710(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In evaluating an application, the department shall determine whether the application satisfies the threshold criteria required by the board in the qualified allocation plan. *Educational Quality may be considered by the department as part of the threshold criteria but shall not be considered by the department as a scoring factor.* The department shall reject and return to the applicant any application that fails to satisfy the threshold criteria.

(b) Effective September 1, 2019, Section 2306.6710(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In evaluating an application, the department shall determine whether the application satisfies the threshold criteria required by the board in the qualified allocation plan. The department shall reject and return to the applicant any application that fails to satisfy the threshold criteria.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for low income housing tax credits that is submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs during an application cycle that is based on the 2018 qualified allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board of the department under Section 2306.67022, Government Code. An application that is submitted during an application cycle that is based on an earlier qualified allocation plan is governed by the law in effect on the date the application cycle began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2019, the department shall report the outcome of considering Educational Quality in threshold and not as a scoring factor in an application.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 133, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3574 on May 26, 2017: Yeas 97, Nays 48, 2 present, not voting, the House adopted H.C.R. No. 154 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 3574 on May 28, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 28, Nays 3, the Senate adopted H.C.R. No. 154 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 3574 on May 28, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017, except § 1(b) takes effect September 1, 2019.